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A GUARDED WELCOME: President Bush is accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, right, during a welcoming ceremony Wednesday at Buckingham Palace. Bush is on a state visit to Britain hoping to rally support for the rebuilding effort in Iraq. ♦ **Call for help:** Bush courts wary allies | page 5.

Jackson a Wanted Man

Star urged to turn himself in on molestation charges

SANTA BARBARA, CALIF. | Authorities issued a warrant for Michael Jackson's arrest on charges of molesting a child and asked the pop superstar Wednesday to turn himself in and surrender his passport. Jackson's spokesman called the allegations "scurrilous and totally unfounded."

The 45-year-old King of Pop was accused of multiple counts of lewd or lascivious acts with a child under 14. A decade ago, Jackson was also accused of molestation but was never charged

because the youngster refused to testify.

Jackson was believed to have been in Las Vegas when the arrest warrant was issued.

District Attorney Thomas Sneddon Jr.



Jackson

would not say when or where the alleged crimes occurred, nor provide the age of the alleged victims.

But Brian Oxman, an attorney for the Jackson family, told CBS the case involves the alleged molestation of a 12-year-old boy at Jackson's Neverland Ranch. Each of the charges is punishable by up to eight years in prison. ROBERT JABLON (AP)

Dulles to Become Hub For Low-Fare Airline

CHANTILLY, VA | Washington Dulles International Airport will become the hub for a low-fare airline offering coast-to-coast service, officials with Atlantic Coast Airlines announced Wednesday.

Called Independence Air, it will begin operating in 2004 and eventually offer more than 300 daily flights to 50 cities.

ACA is already the largest carrier operating out of Dulles, with 147 daily departures under the name United Express. It hopes to create the nation's largest low-cost hub, offering an alternative to Baltimore-Washington International Airport, where Southwest Airlines is attracting cost-conscious travelers. (AP)

BUSINESS

Pay As You Go

For a short time, students at a high school in the southern Russian city of Taganrog had to do more than raise their hands and ask for permission to use the bathroom — they had to fork over cash, NTV television reported Tuesday. School officials

instituted a plan to charge students for toilet trips to pay for repairs that were needed after students vandalized bathroom fixtures, NTV said. City officials quickly halted the practice, NTV reported — without saying how much students had paid. (AP) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

EyeOpeners

CELEBRATIONS

A Long Time Swimming

Schoolchildren and other revelers were on-hand Tuesday as officials at the Steinhart Aquarium in San Francisco honored Methuselah, a 65-year-old Australian lungfish. Aquarium staff say the fish, aptly named after a 1,000-year-old character in the Old Testament, arrived in 1938 as a fully grown adult. After researching elderly fish at the world's other aquariums, officials have concluded that Methuselah is the oldest fish in captivity. (AP)



ERIC RISBERG/AP

MUSIC

Dirty Kids' Songs

Sure, kids have Barney and Blue's Clues, but musician Vic Davies argues that more subversive songs have fallen by the wayside. "There are no songs like 'Great Green Gobs of Greasy Grimy Gopher Guts' ... for kids

anymore," Davies told Australia's Daily Telegraph newspaper. So his first album of children's songs, titled "Naughty Songs for Naughty Kids," will feature compositions such as "When My Bum First Sang," "Nose-Picking Boogie," and "Don't Go in the Dunny After Dad." (EXPRESS)

EDUCATION

Senior Skip Year

Colorado lawmakers have asked education officials to study the possibility of eliminating the 12th grade and establishing a year of preschool instead. They said allowing students to graduate earlier would better prepare students for college by giving them an early start and possibly a chance to work for a year and save money. Colorado is the first state to consider dropping a year at the end of a student's education in order to add one at the beginning. (AP)

CRIME

Blind Ambition

Police said a masked man who robbed the Oak Valley Community Bank in Modesto, Calif., on Monday forgot to cut eye holes into his disguise, occasionally lifting part of the cloth to see his feet as he fumbled his way through the heist. The robbery was successful, and the man was last seen driving away with an accomplice and an undisclosed amount of money, Detective Tom Blake said. (AP)



TOM PENNINGTON/FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM/AP

RECORDS

... And They're A Tasty Snack

A man stuffed the tails of nine live rattlesnakes in his mouth Tuesday, besting his record of eight. "I have to break my own records. Heck, there's nobody else who can do it," Jackie Bibby told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram's online edition. "I think I could do 12 or 13, but probably no more. My mouth is only so big." Bibby holds the world record for bathing with the most live snakes — 75 Western Diamondbacks — according to the Guinness Book of World Records. (AP)

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

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PUDDING POP: Parts of Interstate 380 near Hiawatha, Iowa, were creamed on Tuesday when a truck full of pudding crashed. More than 100 cases of pudding were spilled, and traffic was reduced to one lane during the cleanup. (AP)



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In Brief

NEW HAVEN, CONN.

Hospital Changes Collection Policy Under Public Pressure

Yale-New Haven Hospital is backing off its practice of placing liens on the homes of patients who do not pay their medical bills. Connecticut's attorney general has sued the hospital over the way it treats poor patients, and a union trying to organize its blue-collar workers took out a full-page newspaper ad Wednesday criticizing the hospital's debt-collection practices. In response, the hospital said Wednesday it has withdrawn most of the liens on the homes of patients who have failed to pay their bills. (AP)

CHICAGO

City Teachers Union Approves 4-Year Contract

Public school teachers narrowly ratified a four-year contract, avoiding a strike that would have idled nearly 440,000 children in the nation's third-largest school district, union officials said Wednesday. The new contract includes 4 percent base annual raises and improved health benefits. The teachers, members of the Chicago Teachers Union, have worked without a contract since July 1. (AP)

NEW YORK

NYPD to Have Access to Interpol Criminal Database

The NYPD is the first police department in the country to have direct access to a global database to track terrorists and other criminals, Interpol announced Wednesday. The new, heavily encrypted data system allows officers to determine if a person detained for any type of offense is wanted for other crimes. (AP)



"Suspending Memory" by Joseph Karadin with Hsin-Yi Wu includes a large pool and two raised memorial gardens in the footprints, featuring a column for each victim.

Final Designs Unveiled For Trade Center Site

NEW YORK | Eight competing designs for a memorial to the nearly 3,000 victims of Sept. 11 — including reflecting pools, walls of names and a tomb for the unidentified — were unveiled Wednesday as the rebuilding of the World Trade Center entered a delicate new phase.

A 13-member panel chose the eight finalists from a record 5,201 proposals for commemorating the 2001 terrorist attacks in New York, Virginia and Pennsylvania, as well as the 1993 trade center bombing. The panel will settle on a final design by the end of the year.

The Lower Manhattan Development Corp., the agency overseeing the competition, had issued guidelines that say all proposals should recognize the towers' footprints and



"Lower Waters" by Bradley Campbell and Matthias Neumann contains a memorial in the center's north footprint.

preserve a wall that is the only remnant of the original complex. The agency also said that all victims need to be recognized, and that some should not be made to seem more important than others. (AP)

Blackout Report Blames Ohio Co.

FirstEnergy operators' mistakes led to outage affecting 50 million

WASHINGTON | The nation's worst blackout began with three power line failures in Ohio and should have been contained by operators at FirstEnergy Corp., a three-month government investigation concluded Wednesday.

The report by a U.S.-Canadian task force said the FirstEnergy operators did not respond properly, allowing the Aug. 14 outage to cascade, eventually cutting off electricity to 50 million people in eight states and Canada.

The task force also cited outdated procedures and shortcomings at

a regional grid monitoring center in Indiana that kept officials there from grasping the emerging danger and helping FirstEnergy deal with it.

The task force said it found "no computer viruses or any sort of illicit cyber activities" to blame. It also concluded that there was no deliberate damage or tampering with equipment associated with the outage.

FirstEnergy, the nation's fourth-largest investor-owned utility, had no immediate comment on the report. The company, based in Akron, Ohio, has maintained that its problems were among many in the Midwest power grid on the day of the blackout and that it should not be singled out.

H. JOSEF HEBERT (AP)

The energy debate: Natural Resource Defense Council's Karen Wayland takes questions on energy legislation | Today at 1 p.m. at washingtonpost.com/liveonline

Doctors Suggest Limits on Hinckley Trips

WASHINGTON | Two psychiatrists testifying for the government said Wednesday that John Hinckley Jr., the man who shot President Reagan, should only be allowed to leave a mental hospital unsupervised if he is under more restrictions than previously proposed.

Robert Phillips and Raymond Patterson both agreed that Hinckley could see his parents unescorted as long as it was a short visit in the Washington area, security proce-

dures were put in place, his parents agreed to supervise him, both he and his parents provided feedback to the St. Elizabeths Hospital medical staff treating him, and the trip was reviewed by an administrative board.

Hinckley has asked U.S. District Court Judge Paul L. Friedman to let him leave the hospital unescorted and visit his parents at their home near Williamsburg, Va. Five of the 10 proposed trips would be overnight visits. (AP)

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Panel Warns of Threat to Food

Officials tell senators agricultural system needs better security

WASHINGTON | A simple handkerchief wielded by a resourceful terrorist could cause billions of dollars of damage to America's food system and untold terror in the nation's kitchens, senators were told Wednesday.

Since the 2001 terrorist attacks, government officials have secured

cities, airports, harbors, government buildings and tourist sites, but a panel of food experts said more attention should be focused on the country's food supply. A terrorist could easily use a handkerchief to spread a disease, such as foot and mouth disease, which affected 2,000 farms in Britain in 2001.

Those and other nightmare scenarios show why government officials should pay more attention to the vulnerabilities of America's agricultural system, officials said.

And using bioterrorism to attack the nation's food supply could be very attractive to terrorists, said Senate Government Affairs Chairwoman Susan Collins, R-Maine.

While the agricultural system's security should be improved, the U.S. "food supply is the safest, most abundant and affordable food supply in the world," said Sen. Jim Talent, R-Mo.

Since 1912, only 12 documented cases exist of bioterrorism with livestock or contaminated related produce. JESSE J. HOLLAND (AP)

DANGEROUS DUTY | AFTER THE BLAST



DEADLY ACCIDENT: Firefighters duck as a beam in a gas station gives way after an explosion in Brandon, Fla., on Wednesday. Workers had been renovating the store before the explosion. One person was killed and another was wounded.

Ill. Lawmakers Revamp Death Penalty System

SPRINGFIELD, ILL. | After four years of tumult that stirred a national debate on the death penalty, Illinois lawmakers Wednesday overhauled the state's capital punishment system to reduce the risk of an innocent person being executed.

The state House, in a 115-0 vote, approved changes to a death penalty system that led to the wrongful conviction of at least 17 men. The action, an override of Gov. Rod Blagojevich's veto, makes the measure law immediately.

Lawmakers said they will press for legislation banishing police officers who lie in murder investigations. (AP)

Court Orders Secret Hearing on Moussaoui

WASHINGTON | An appeals court Wednesday ordered public and secret oral arguments on whether terrorism defendant Zacarias Moussaoui can question al Qaeda prisoners.

The closed session the afternoon of Dec. 3 will permit discussion of classified information, the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Va., said. The public session will take place that morning.

The court is following the same procedure as last summer, when the government and Moussaoui's lawyers argued over his access to a single al Qaeda prisoner.

Moussaoui now seeks access to that captive, alleged Sept. 11

planner Ramzi Binalshibh; and two other prisoners, alleged Sept. 11 mastermind Khalid Shaikh Mohammed and Mustafa Ahmed al-Hawsawi, a suspected paymaster for al Qaeda.

Moussaoui is charged with joining an al Qaeda conspiracy that included the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks and other planned terrorist acts against the United States. This is the only U.S. case to arise from the Sept. 11 suicide hijackings.

The public arguments will focus on the appeals court's jurisdiction, and a defendant's right to question detainees held overseas, among other issues. LARRY MARGASAK (AP)

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In Brief

SOUTH AFRICA

Govt. Approves Plan to Give Free Drugs to AIDS Sufferers

Under pressure to help the millions of people with AIDS in South Africa, the government approved a plan Wednesday to distribute free anti-retroviral medicine within five years to everyone who needs it. The government still needs to take bids on the contract to supply the medicine and train health care workers, Health Minister Manto Tshabalala-Msimang said, adding that a start date for the program had not yet been established. (AP)

EGYPT

Mubarak's 'Health Crisis' Interrupts Speech on TV

Egypt's ailing president abruptly left the podium for more than 30 minutes in the middle of a nationally televised speech Wednesday. "The president has suffered a health crisis," state television announced shortly after the broadcast was cut. The 75-year-old Hosni Mubarak was described by aides as having a cold aggravated by medication and fasting during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. (AP)

IRELAND

President Supports Mention Of 'God' in EU Constitution

Irish President Mary McAleese said Wednesday that her country would support a mention of God in the preamble to the 465-article European Union constitution, which is expected to be finalized by mid-December at an EU leaders summit in Brussels, Belgium. Her announcement came after visiting Pope John Paul II at the Vatican two weeks ago, where the pontiff made a personal appeal asking her to push for the inclusion in the charter. (AP)

AFGHANISTAN

Family of Killed U.N. Worker Gathers for Memorial

Relatives of Bettina Goisard, the first international U.N. worker to be killed in Afghanistan, arrived Wednesday to bid her a somber farewell after she was shot by suspected Taliban last weekend. A small funeral at a cemetery in Kabul was planned for Thursday. (AP)

Revenge: Goisard's death unleashes from Afghans both sorrow and violence | Today's Post: Section A



Officers directing the massive security operation surrounding the state visit by President Bush watch over monitors in the control room at New Scotland Yard in London. The president was formally welcomed at Buckingham Palace on Wednesday.

Bush Urges Unity on Iraq

Speech follows Bushes' royal welcome at Buckingham Palace

LONDON | U.S. President George W. Bush urged Europe to put aside bitter war disagreements with the United States and work to build democracy in Iraq — or risk turning the nation over to terrorists.

"We did not charge hundred of miles into the heart of Iraq and pay a bitter cost of casualties and liberate 25 million people only to retreat before a band of thugs and assassins," Bush said.

His speech followed an elegant welcoming ceremony with Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace, which included a 41-gun salute and a review of troops on foot and on horseback.

Also Wednesday, Bush met with leaders of Parliament and some relatives of the 67 British victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in the United States. On Thursday, Bush meets with British Prime Minister Tony Blair, whose close support of Bush on Iraq has drawn rising public opposition in Britain. T. RAUM (AP)

Different opinions: While the British audience laughed at Bush's jokes Wednesday, his pointed references to Yasser Arafat met silence | Today's Post: Section A

INFILTRATING THE PALACE

→ A British inquiry was under way to find out how a reporter for the Daily Mirror newspaper had infiltrated Buckingham Palace ahead of Bush's state visit. Using a fake reference to get job on the royal staff, the reporter was assigned to serve members of Bush's party in an embarrassing breach of security. White House spokeswoman Claire Buchanan told reporters, "We have every confidence in the British security." (AP)

Hindu Nationalists To Pay Those Who Have More Babies

LUCKNOW, INDIA | A hardline Hindu nationalist party in India's coalition government has offered money to Hindus who have 10 or more children, to counter the perceived growing influence of Muslims.

Shiv Sena will give the cash rewards to families in Uttar Pradesh, the country's most populous state, a party leader said.

"A normal Muslim family has five children, while Hindus have only two," said Shiv Sena's Uttar Pradesh president, Vijay Tiwari.

Health officials — who have been ardently promoting birth control programs — expressed dismay. (AP)

Iraqi Leader Supportive of U.S. Killed

Military drops massive bombs in central Iraq

BAGHDAD | A car bomb exploded outside the home of a tribal leader in a city west of the capital, killing one child in yet another attack aimed at a U.S. ally.

The explosion Wednesday in Ramadi targeted the house of Sheik Amer Ali Suleiman, according to his cousin, Yasser Ali. Suleiman is a leader of the Duleim tribe, one of the largest Sunni Muslim tribes in Iraq. He is a member of the city council and is close to the Americans. Suleiman was not injured but at least one child was killed, Ali said.



Two U.S. soldiers in the flashpoint city of Fallujah observe the city from the top of their headquarters on Wednesday.

Turks Nab 6 Tied to Bombings

Government blamed for not cracking down on Islamic militants

ISTANBUL | Authorities arrested six people in connection with the suicide bombings of two Istanbul synagogues.

Two suicide attackers, both Turks, blew up pickup trucks outside the synagogues on Saturday, killing 23 people and the two bombers. Foreign Minister Abdullah Gul said the two had visited Afghanistan in the past and that investigators were looking for any al Qaeda links.

The role of local militants could mean trouble for the government of Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan, which has its roots in a pro-Islamic party. Opposition leaders criticized his government for backing off a crackdown on militant groups after coming to power a year ago, and for releasing hundreds of Islamic militants from prison under an amnesty. (AP)



BY THE NUMBERS: There are now about 24,000 Jews in Turkey, officials say. Most Jews in Turkey are Sephardic, meaning they trace their roots to Spain and the Middle East. (AP)

Wednesday's car bombing followed rebel threats against Iraqis who cooperate with the U.S. occupation. A day earlier, gunmen assassinated the Education Ministry's director for Diwaniyah province, Hmud Kadhim, government officials said Wednesday. No group claimed responsibility.

Meanwhile, U.S. military officials said American jets unleashed some of the biggest bombs in the U.S. inventory against suspected insurgent targets in central Iraq. Two 2,000-pound bombs were dropped late Tuesday near Baqouba, 30 miles northeast of Baghdad, on "camps suspected to have been used for bomb-making," said a military spokesman. SLOBODAN LEKIC (AP)

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World

China Bluntly Warns Taiwan

Top communist official threatens use of force if island pursues independence from mainland

BEIJING | In unusually strong language, China ratcheted up the rhetoric against Taiwan in remarks published Wednesday and threatened that "the use of force may become unavoidable" if the island's leaders pursue independence.

The two sides split amid civil war in 1949, and Beijing insists that Taiwan belongs to China.

The warning from Beijing came as Taiwan prepares to elect a new leader in March. President Chen Shui-bian, running for re-election, has won over more voters since he came up with plans for a new constitution and a law on referendums that could conceivably lead to a vote on Taiwanese independence.

"Taiwan independence means

war," said Wang Zaixi, vice minister of the Taiwan Affairs Office of China's Cabinet. Wang tempered his remarks by adding that "the people of Taiwan are our brothers and sisters."

The United States, which has relations with China but supplies arms to Taiwan, prescribed calm. "The use of force to resolve cross-strait differences is unacceptable," State Department spokesman Adam Ereli told reporters in Washington on Wednesday. AUDRA ANG (AP)

IAEA Set To Rebuff U.S. on Iran

Most nations will vote for Europeans' alternative resolution

VIENNA, AUSTRIA | In a rebuff to Washington, the 35 leading nations of the U.N. atomic agency are ready to back a West European resolution that would urge Iran to continue cooperation but would refrain from harshly condemning it for concealing parts of its nuclear program, diplomats said Wednesday.

The United States hoped that the board of governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency would find Iran in violation of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty at its meeting, which opens Thursday.

No more than three nations on the 35-member IAEA board — Canada, Australia and Japan — support Washington's stance, diplomats said. Instead, the majority favor the resolution authored by France, Germany and Britain. Russia and China are among the backers for that resolution, the diplomats said on condition of anonymity. GEORGE JAHN (AP)

Divided: Hard-liners in Iran may try to sabotage efforts to open up the nuclear program | Today's Post: Section A



Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia walks by a torn poster of leader Yasser Arafat as he leaves a meeting in Gaza City in the Gaza Strip on Wednesday.

U.N. Security Council Endorses 'Road Map'

UNITED NATIONS | The U.N. Security Council on Wednesday unanimously endorsed the so-called road map to a permanent two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, a move welcomed by the Palestinians but called unnecessary by Israel.

The stalled peace plan was drafted by Russia, the United States, the United Nations and the European Union. It lays out three stages leading to a Palestinian state by 2005. The first stage, which called for a halt to Palestinian violence and the freezing of Israeli settlements, has

stalled amid continuing recriminations from each side.

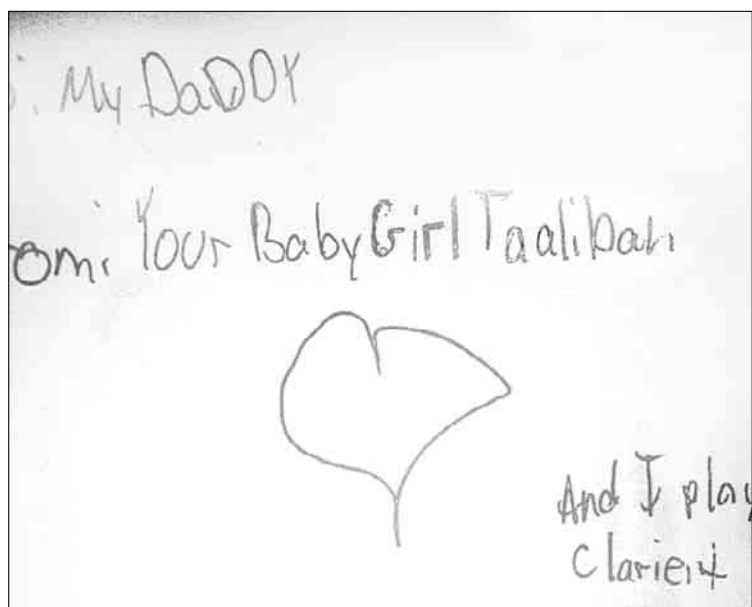
Nasser Al-Kidwa, the Palestinian U.N. observer, said the resolution "could be a watershed in the history of the Middle East peace process" because it was the first in years to focus on a political settlement and signaled the full engagement of the Security Council.

But Israel's deputy ambassador, Arye Mekel, said the resolution would serve little purpose. "More resolutions are not the solution," he said. "We need to see action on the ground, namely that the Palestinians will finally start dismantling the infrastructure of terror." EDITH M. LEDERER (AP)



BY THE NUMBERS: Of the 4.3 million jobs in East German industry before reunification, only 860,000 remain today, a recent report concludes. The East's unemployment rate of 17% is more than twice the West's rate. (AP)

Region



A letter from the daughter of John Allen Muhammad is displayed on a screen during the penalty phase of his trial. Muhammad was convicted Monday.

Sniper Jury Hears Letters From Kids

Muhammad's ex-wife relays her children's love for their convicted father

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. | John Allen Muhammad's youngest child, Taalibah, had a message and some questions for her father. The message: "I miss you soooooo much." One of her questions: "Why did you do all these shootings?"

The jury deciding whether Muhammad should be executed for masterminding the Washington sniper attacks heard Muhammad's ex-wife on Wednesday read letters written by the couple's three children to their father.

Muhammad appeared to fight

back tears as the letters were read aloud.

Prosecutors had sought to keep the letters, all of which expressed love for their father, out of the trial.

Mildred Muhammad testified that the children had wanted to write their father for some time, and did so last week.

Prosecutors suggested the letters provided an incomplete picture of the children's feelings. Mildred Muhammad said that Taalibah expressed fear that her father would kill her mother if he got out of prison.

MATTHEW BARAKAT (AP)



Muhammad

Double Slaying Trial Ends in Mistrial

ROCKVILLE, MD. | A judge declared a mistrial Wednesday night in a double slaying case after the jury failed to agree on a verdict.

Jurors deliberated for about 34 hours over four days before returning to the courtroom about 6:40 p.m. to tell Frederick County Circuit Judge John Tisdale they could not reach a unanimous decision in the case against Sonya Daniels.

Daniels, 27, was charged with first-degree murder in the shoot-

ing deaths of 16-year-old Deanne Prichard and Prichard's 5-week-old daughter, Makayla Frost.

The case was moved from Frederick County to Montgomery County because of pretrial publicity.

Prosecutor J. Charles Smith said he would seek a second trial against Daniels. If she had been convicted and sentenced to death, Daniels would have been the first woman on Maryland's death row in 21 years. (AP)

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Malvo Lawyers Focus On Multiple Murders

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. | In Chesapeake, prosecutors in sniper suspect Lee Boyd Malvo's trial focused on several of the sniper attacks, including two fatalities, and showed jurors grisly crime scene photos.

Malvo is being tried in the slaying of FBI analyst Linda Franklin, shot outside a Home Depot store in northern Virginia. As in John Allen Muhammad's trial, prosecutors are presenting evidence from other attacks to support the capital murder charges, one accusing Malvo of taking part in multiple murders and the other alleging the killings were designed to terrorize the population.

Malvo's attorneys don't dispute that he took part in the attacks, but say he was brainwashed by Muhammad.

Nearly all the witnesses who testified Wednesday testified also in Muhammad's trial, including several who said they had seen Muhammad's Chevrolet Caprice near the scenes of some shootings.

A survivor of one of the attacks testified he was walking hand-in-hand with his wife in Ashland, Va., on Oct. 19, 2002, when he heard what he thought was an explosion. He said he immediately thought he'd been shot.

"The first thing I did was look at Stephanie and I told her that I loved her," Jeffrey Hopper said. "And we prayed together." MATTHEW BARAKAT (AP)

Mounting evidence: The prosecution against Lee Boyd Malvo continues to make its case | washingtonpost.com/metro

STORM | WASH OUT



SWAMPED: Students from Woodbridge High School in Woodbridge, Va., try to make their way across the road in front of the school to a bus stop during a torrential downpour that also affected Washington, D.C. and its immediate suburbs on Wednesday.

Charity Donations Decline in Region

WASHINGTON | When it comes to opening their wallets to charity, residents of the Washington area are still more generous than the national average. But they are not as benevolent as they once were.

The Washington Regional Association of Grantmakers released a study Wednesday showing philanthropic giving has slowed in the national capital region for the first time in four years.

Individuals gave \$5.5 billion for charity in 2001, up less

than two percent from the year before. Between 1999 and 2000, individual contributions soared 12 percent.

District of Columbia residents were the most generous, with an average individual contribution of \$2,614. That is 85 percent above the national average of \$1,416. In the Maryland suburbs, the average was \$2,495. Northern Virginia's average was \$2,024.

The top 25 corporate givers in the region gave \$89 million to local nonprofits in 2002, a drop of 22 percent. Washington Grantmakers said that was likely a result of lower corporate earnings. (AP)

Money



Jim Steitz, of New Mexico, peeks out as Jed Ela, of New York, holds a banner during a demonstration outside an Office Depot store in Miami on Wednesday.

Free-Trade Negotiators Adopt Draft Resolution

Buffet-style measure draws some criticism

MIAMI | Negotiators trying to turn the Western Hemisphere into the world's largest free-trade zone adopted a draft text Wednesday that would allow countries to opt out of parts of the agreement, officials from the Brazilian delegation said.

The buffet-style draft, pushed by the Brazil and the United States, will be handed out to trade ministers from the 34 nations in the Americas, excluding Cuba, for two

days of meetings starting Thursday to complete the text.

The draft does not specify which parts of the proposed Free Trade Area of the Americas agreement countries could opt out of.

Canada, Chile, Mexico and several Caribbean countries had pushed for a more specific FTAA text. Chilean officials criticized the draft, saying it will reduce the FTAA to a "minimum."

The FTAA proposal also is drawing criticism from anti-globalization activists. An estimated 20,000 protesters are expected to turn up for a march Thursday. JOHN PAIN (AP)

Hill Vote Aims at Abuses

U.S. House approves measure to protect mutual fund investors

WASHINGTON | The House on Wednesday overwhelmingly voted to toughen penalties for mutual fund abuses and to make sure investors are provided with more information about fees and fund operations.

The 418-2 vote came as mutual fund scandals escalate, more big-name companies are cited by authorities and a money stampede continues out of implicated funds.

The legislation also would make directors on company boards more independent from fund managers. In addition, it would prohibit short-term trading by fund insiders. The practice, known as market timing, is under scrutiny in many of the recent cases.

The bill still needs approval in the Senate. MARCY GORDON (AP)



BY THE NUMBERS: Ninety-five million Americans — half of all households — invest in mutual funds, a common vehicle for retirement savings and college funds. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
OcwenFn	6.71	+1.06	+18.8
LaBrnch	8.53	+.93	+12.2
ParTch	7.90	+.81	+11.4
AREst	13.81	+1.24	+9.9
MidwGm	3.12	+.28	+9.9

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
AMCOL	14.72	-1.43	-8.9
HangrOrth	14.95	-1.45	-8.8
Friedmans	5.60	-.44	-7.3
AmWest	13.79	-.98	-6.6
JoAnnStrs	18.85	-1.22	-6.1

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
HeskaCp	3.35	+.66	+24.5
CritPathrs	2.15	+.42	+24.3
HorzGP	4.40	+.79	+21.9
CwIthBio	3.63	+.53	+17.1
SndVwTcrs	15.41	+2.16	+16.3

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
IvanhoeEn	4.38	-1.42	-24.5
LipidSci	2.52	-.47	-15.7
Gadzoos	4.49	-.81	-15.3
FuelCell	13.21	-2.34	-15.0
Isramc	6.69	-1.05	-13.6

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	4.00	4.00
Fed Funds close	1.00	1.00
3-month	0.94	0.93
2-year	1.87	2.02
10-year	4.24	4.40
30-year	5.08	5.21

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5892	.5881	.6330
Canadian Dollar	1.3054	1.2987	1.5843
European Euro	.8414	.8372	.9969
Japanese Yen	109.30	108.04	122.18
Mexican Peso	11.1910	11.2190	10.1720
Taiwanese Dollar	34.00	34.02	34.80

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
+66.30	+17.90	+8.29
+0.69	+0.95	+0.80
9690.46	1899.65	1042.44

Bank Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
BcBiIvArg	11.69	+.11	+20.4
BcoSnCH	9.93	+.07	+40.9
BankOne	42.99	+.68	+17.6
Bk of Am	74.37	+.42	+6.9
Barclay	33.55	+.20	+35.8
DeutschBk	66.10	+1.24	+45.5
FleetBost	39.90	+.35	+64.2
HSBC	74.50	-.52	+35.5
JPMorgCh	34.76	-.13	+44.8
LloydTSB	27.45	+.38	-4.0
UBS AG	62.30	-.63	+29.5
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Money

Foreign Currency Sweep Nets 47

Federal investigators find widespread fraud in exchange market

NEW YORK | Federal authorities announced charges Wednesday against 47 people in a broad crackdown on fraud in the foreign currency exchange market that officials said bilked millions from big-name banks and small investors alike.

Most of the bankers, stockbrokers and traders were picked up in raids late Tuesday and early Wednesday in what law-enforcement officials called their most sweeping infiltration ever into the foreign currency markets.

The principal charges accused currency traders at some banks of making rigged trades designed to

lose money — then taking cash kickbacks from co-conspirators who made money on the deals.

Currency traders at J.P. Morgan Chase and UBS Warburg, two of the nation's most prominent investment banks, were among those arrested.

"There are a lot of sharks in that water," Manhattan U.S. Attorney James Comey said. "We in law enforcement suggest careful reflection from the beach before you jump in."

Authorities stressed that while the alleged fraud was widespread, it constitutes only a fraction of the trillion-dollar-a-day foreign currency market. No banks were implicated in the fraud. ERIN MCCLAM (AP)



Comey



BY THE NUMBERS: Residential construction in October reached its highest level in 17 years, the Commerce Department said Wednesday. Builders broke ground on 1.96 million units, at a seasonally adjusted annual rate. (AP)

In Brief

LAW Creditors File Suit Against Former Kmart Executives

Six former Kmart executives charged the company for nannies, luxury cars and private chauffeurs

even as the discount retailer fought a losing battle against bankruptcy, creditors said in a lawsuit. The suit filed Tuesday by the Kmart Creditor

Trust alleges that former chief executive and chairman Chuck Conaway, former president Mark Schwartz and the four others cost Kmart more than \$1 billion in personal and business expenses through poor management. (AP)

AUTOMOBILES Ford to Replace Defective Part in 671,000 Focuses

Ford Motor Co. said Wednesday it will replace a part in the fuel system of 671,000 Ford Focus vehicles because it can cause the engine to

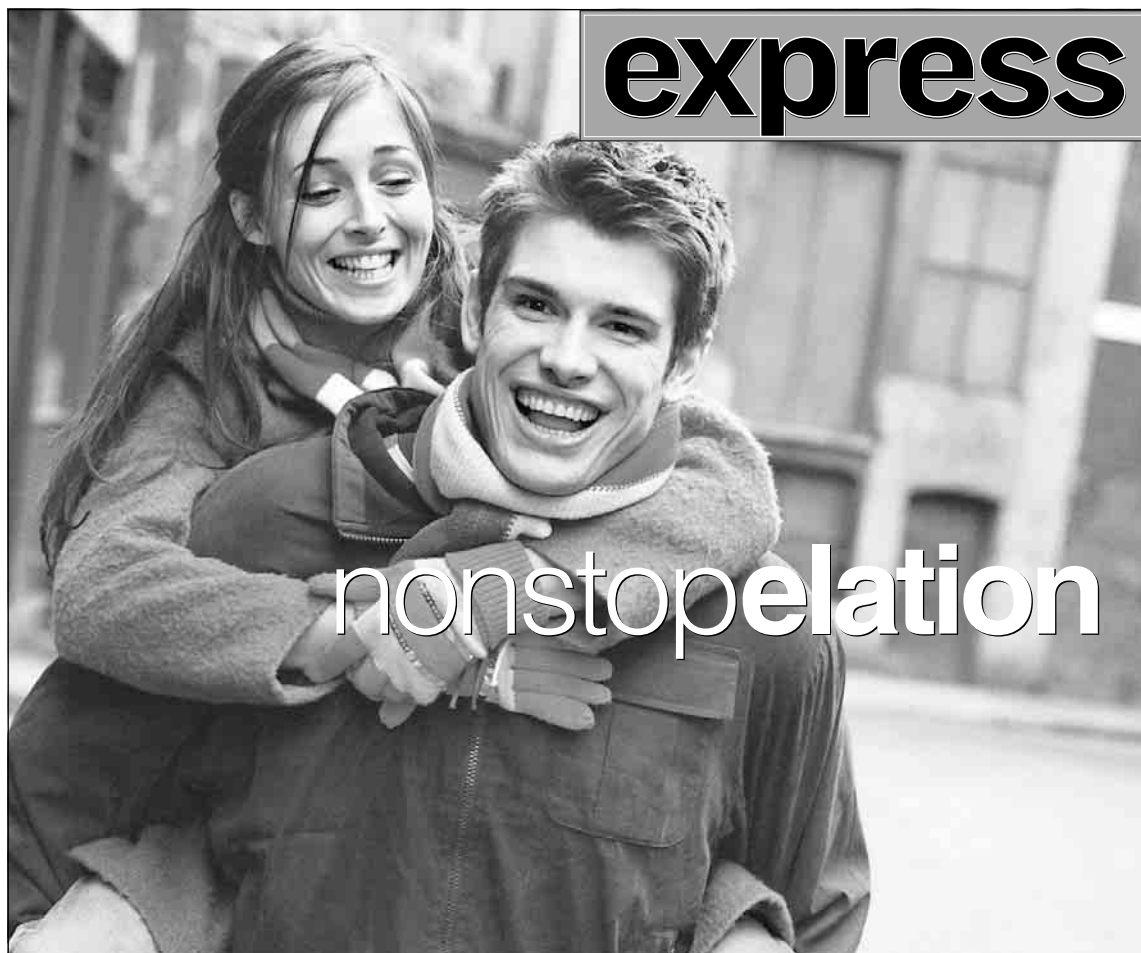
stall. Ford received reports of seven accidents and one injury due to the problem, a spokesman said. It is notifying Focus owners this week about the defect. Focuses from 2000 and 2001 are affected. The part will be replaced for free if dealers determine it is causing engine problems. Ford is not conducting an official recall of the vehicle because the company determined it isn't a significant safety risk. (AP)

LAW AmeriDebt Sued by Feds For Misleading Practices

Federal regulators filed their first lawsuit against a credit counseling company Wednesday, charging that industry giant AmeriDebt used deceptive marketing to bilk hundreds of thousands of customers. The Federal Trade Commission alleged AmeriDebt hid fees, did not educate people about getting out of debt and falsely described itself as nonprofit. AmeriDebt attorney Zynda Sellers disputed the FTC's characterization of the company. The FTC wants AmeriDebt to reimburse anyone who has been duped by the company's practices. (AP)

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Injured Ramsey Doesn't Practice With Redskins

REDSKINS | Unable to throw without pain, Patrick Ramsey was a spectator at Washington Redskins' practice Wednesday. He then put a protective boot on his right foot and limped through the rest of the day, unsure of his status for Sunday's game at Miami.



Ramsey

"This is something you just can't shrug off and go with," Ramsey said. Ramsey has an old fracture on the right edge of his foot.

X-rays show an extra piece of bone from a break that occurred perhaps many years ago, and it has somehow become aggravated this season, especially during the last two games.

He had a cortisone shot Monday and needs extended rest and pos-

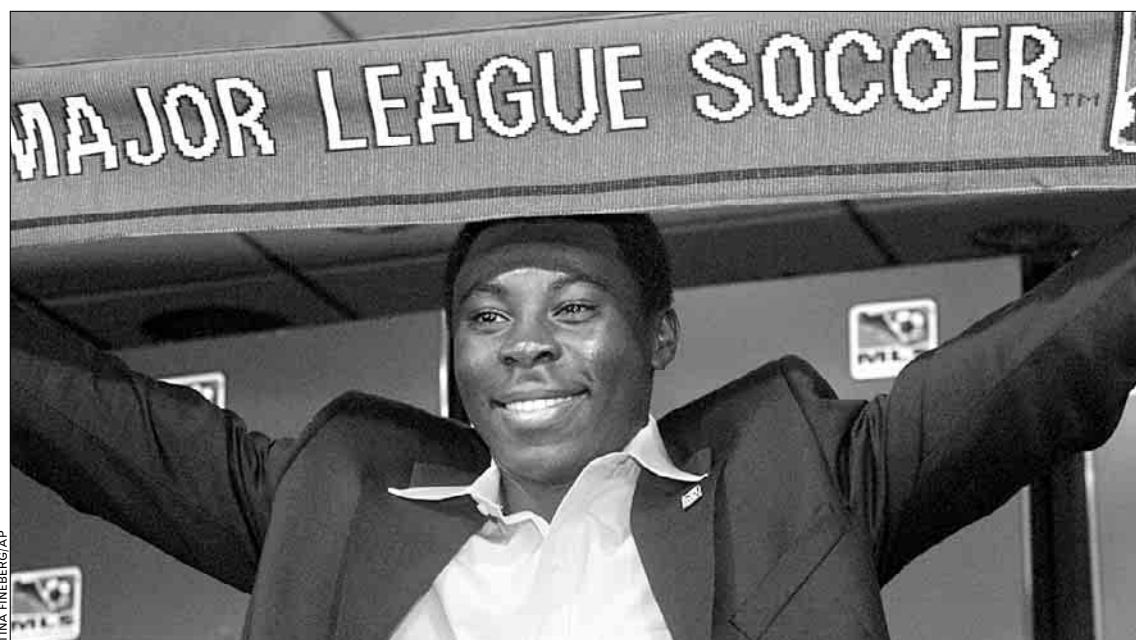
sibly offseason surgery, but there's little time to contemplate such matters with the Redskins (4-6) clinging to faint playoff hopes.

"If Patrick's healthy, he's going to play," coach Steve Spurrier said. Ramsey is officially listed as questionable for Sunday. His backup, Tim Hasselbeck, has never started an NFL game.

Ramsey hasn't missed a start this season, but his production has fallen steadily after a stellar first two games.

He hasn't completed more than 54 percent of his passes in four straight games, and his 53.5 completion percentage ranks 31st in the league.

Reluctant to make excuses, Ramsey conceded that "maybe" his injury had an influence on his wayward throws. JOSEPH WHITE (AP)



Soccer star Freddy Adu signed a six-year contract to play in Major League Soccer, spurning offers from European teams.

Much Adu Over Signing

MLS officially announces contract with phenom

SOCCER | Like millions of other kids, Freddy Adu will be driven to soccer practice by his mom next spring. Not much else is ordinary about this 14-year-old phenom.

No other teenage soccer player will make hundreds of thousands of dollars in the United States and has been called everything from the next Pele to the LeBron James of Major League Soccer.

Already, MLS is ready for Adu,

who will play for the D.C. United. His new team's opener on April 3 will be televised nationally.

Adu, who left Ghana in 1997 and became a U.S. citizen in February, was introduced by MLS at Madison Square Garden, where the soccer world gathered 12 years earlier for the preliminary draw for the 1994 World Cup.

MLS gave him a four-year contract with a two-year league option.

While no details were disclosed, league officials say that for "special" players, there are marketing agreements that give them more than the maximum salary, \$280,000.

If he gets on the field with DC United next season, Adu would become the youngest player for a major American team since 14-year-old Fred Chapman debuted for Philadelphia of major league baseball's American Association in 1887, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. RONALD BLUM (AP)

Spurrier Decides To Call Plays Again

REDSKINS | Steve Spurrier not calling plays? That sure didn't last long.

The Washington Redskins coach said Wednesday he will resume the role as primary play-caller after letting offensive coordinator Hue Jackson give it a try for the last two games.

"I just need to get more involved," Spurrier said. "I sort of stepped back a little bit and watched it a while. Hue's done an excellent job, but I need to be talking to the quarterback."

Jackson asked for a chance to call the plays after a four-game los-



Steve Spurrier looking exasperated during a loss to Dallas on Nov. 2.

ing streak. Jackson's first try produced a 27-20 victory over Seattle, but Sunday's 181 total yards in a 20-17 loss to Carolina Panthers had Spurrier reconsidering. (AP)

Cleveland's Green Cut, Hospitalized

PRO FOOTBALL | Cleveland Browns running back William Green sustained a puncture wound to his back Wednesday following a possible domestic dispute in his home.

Green, currently under suspension for violating the NFL's substance abuse program, was cut

after an incident with "domestic overtones," team president Carmen Policy said.

Westlake police Capt. Guy Turner said Green's fiancée, Asia Gray, was being questioned. Turner said police will not classify it as a domestic dispute until a person is

arrested.

Green's wound, which police said was below his left shoulder blade, did not require surgery or stitches.

Westlake police responded to an emergency call from Green's home Wednesday morning from Gray, who said Green "had cut himself." (AP)

Vick Has Setback During Practice

PRO FOOTBALL | Michael Vick had a setback Wednesday in his attempt to return to the lineup this weekend.

An Atlanta Falcons teammate stepped on the quarterback's right

ankle in a walkthrough. Vick, out since fracturing his right leg in a preseason game Aug. 16, was unable to participate in team drills during the two-hour afternoon practice.

Vick worked with the scout team for three days last week and hoped to take some snaps this week with the first-team offense. "Yeah, it is a setback," Vick said. (AP)

Today's TV Lineup

COLLEGE FOOTBALL (7:30 p.m. at ESPN) Southern Mississippi (7-3, 6-0) tries to derail TCU's hopes of an undefeated season.

MEN'S GOLF (1 p.m. on TNT) The best players from the United States play against international superstars in the President's Cup.

WOMEN'S GOLF (3 p.m. on ESPN) Annika

Sorenstam is the defending champion of the ADT Championship, which has a \$1 million purse.

PRO HOCKEY (7 p.m. on Comcast) The Washington Capitals visit the Boston Bruins.

PRO BASKETBALL (7:30 p.m. on TNT) The Dallas Mavericks, who are 5-0 at home, host the San Antonio Spurs.

HEARSAY | COACHING

"I'm walking the tightrope, walking the tightrope and one bad step..."

—NY GIANTS COACH JIM FASSEL
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Lookout

Home on the Range

Bob Neal's turkeys have a pretty good life — while it lasts

ANIMALS | After being herded into pens on Bob Neal's turkey farm, the gobblers start attacking the salad bar like there's no tomorrow.

Of course, with Thanksgiving drawing near, precious few tomorrows await the 2,200 gobblers on Neal's 60-acre New Sharon, Maine, spread. But until then, life is good — Neal's birds are free-range turkeys, with plenty of room to roam and socialize, unlike their less fortunate peers who spend their short lives crowded in huge barns.

The result, said Neal, is turkeys that don't require the stress-reducing antibiotics most birds are given in their feed. "They're in turkey heaven," he said.



DUMB LUCK: For free-range turkeys, ignorance — and unlimited food — are bliss.

Free-range turkeys are a niche market, making up only a small percentage of the nation's overall production of nearly 270 million birds, according to the National Turkey Federation, which had no figures on how many of the more than 6,000

U.S. turkey farms are free-range. The birds appeal to shoppers looking for additive-free food or those concerned about humane treatment of animals.

Many advocates of free-range poultry say it tastes better. And Neal

said the diet of premium feed he buys from Canada helps produce a tastier, more tender turkey.

Free-range turkeys command a higher price than regular birds sold in supermarkets, especially since many stores offer turkeys for free if customers spend a certain amount of money in the weeks before Thanksgiving. Neal sells his whole turkeys for \$2.25 a pound; the stores he supplies charge even more.

A good share of his production is sold through health food stores.

"For some people there is sticker shock," said Lois Porta of Lois's Natural Marketplace in Scarborough, Maine, where Neal's turkeys go for \$2.89 a pound. "But honestly, if they try it once, they taste the value in it and they do come back. We sell out; there's more demand than we can supply."

Neal, who raised five flocks this year, gets his birds from West Virginia. They arrive by air in Bangor the day after they hatch, and spend their first three to eight weeks in the brooder house until

they grow enough feathers to provide insulation.

The birds are constant visitors to the farm's 23 feeders, and Neal explains that turkeys eat 10 percent of their body weight each day.

"They say a turkey that doesn't eat for an hour is the equivalent of a human who doesn't eat for 24 hours," he said.

The birds have a reputation for stupidity, and Neal allows that much of the intelligence was bred out of them as the industry aimed for ever-larger birds. He also suggests that a reason they may seem dumb is their farsightedness, which makes it hard for them to see and react to anything up close.

"There are no Nobel Prize winners here," he said. "But they know what they have to know: Where's the food, where's the water, where's the shelter, who's a he, who's a she."

JERRY HARKAVY (AP)

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MUSIC | The promoters who nailed down tonight's MCI Center matchup between Aerosmith and Kiss probably figured the two dinosaur acts shared a pretty solid fan base: 40-year-old weekend dads looking to bond with Jr. by introducing him to "the good stuff."

But we think this could be the bloodiest battle of the bands the District has ever seen. Consider the contenders: In this corner, the ugliest band in rock. And in this corner, four mugs who had the good sense to put the makeup back on. In the gypsy boots, the man with the lips, and in the monster boots, the man with the tongue.

You've got Boston vs. New York, "I Don't Want to Miss a Thing" vs. "Beth," "Dream On" vs. "Detroit Rock City," "Toys in the Attic" vs. "Destroyer."

You've got MTV icons Aerosmith vs. "Kiss Meets the Phantom of the Park"; you've got the guys who made Run-D.M.C. go multiplatinum vs. the guys who got Angel onto Casablanca. The poor man's Mick Jagger will face off against the Kabuki Ozzy. The father of Liv Tyler will stare down the father of ... well, let's just hope Gene's had a vasectomy.

Flip the card, and you've got the most heavily merchandised band in rock vs. the most heavily rehabbed band in rock, pyrotechnics and greasepaint vs. the only mic



stand that has a better collection of scarves than Stevie Nicks.

Be you Kiss Army or be you Aero Force One, you must choose a side: Prepare to rock and roll all night ... or walk this way. GLENN DIXON

MCI Center, 601 F St. NW; Thu., Nov. 20, 7 p.m., tickets range from \$48 ("Roadies too, sweetheart") to \$128 ("College fund? What college fund?"); 202-432-7328. (Gallery Place)

HEAVY METTLE: Aerosmith's Steve Tyler (top) and Kiss (right) are going to rock 'n' roll all night and part of every day.



Nas and Effect: New York's premier rapper and scrapper is still looking to rule the world.

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Indian Movement: The Dance Festival of India fuses elements of modern and traditional styles.

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Top Stops

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The Rufus on Fire: Wainwright at GWU

Anyone who cares already knows; anyone who finds the youngest and droopiest Wainwright a wee on the self-absorbed side will be taking their devil-horn fingers elsewhere for the night. Still, we're here to provide a service, so: Ladies and gentlemen, poets and pirates, folkies and faeries, Rufus Wainwright is slated to sing his sad songs this Thursday night.

George Washington University, Lisner Auditorium, Thu., Nov. 20, 8 p.m., \$27.50; 301-808-6900. (Foggy Bottom)

Through the Fire: Charles Lloyd Quintet

Using a kaleidoscope of standards, spirituals and his own compositions for inspiration, the great tenor saxophonist created the moving, earnest "Lift Every Voice" in answer to the events of Sept. 11, 2001. Hear this heartfelt piece played as only the Charles Lloyd Quintet can play it.

Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; Thu., Nov. 20, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m., \$28; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom)

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Charles Lloyd channeled his post-9/11 pain and fear into transcendent music.

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WHO GOT THE FUNK? The members of Step Afrika! USA make an energetic hybrid by shaking up fraternity row's step style with African "Gumboot" moves.

Stepping Out

Step dancing weds military precision to free-your-mind funk

DANCE | A great American once said, "You cannot deny the funk."

Step Afrika! USA is out to prove it, this Saturday at the Lincoln Theatre. You haven't felt the true funk until you've witnessed men and women getting down with military precision, in true step-dance style.

The sweat, the beat and the cadence of dozens of boots hitting the wood as one sends crowds into a frenzy.

Step Afrika! specializes in a hybrid of African "Gumboot" movement and the step dances primarily performed by black Greek letter collegiate groups.

If you saw Spike Lee's 1988 film, "School Daze," then you have some small, two-dimensional idea about stepping.

The traditional step show is usually competitive. Each group is out to show more flash, more accura-

cy, more impossible moves and just more funk than the others.

Funny thing: There're no drums. Just the slapping, stomping, clapping of the body, along with chanting, singing, call-and-response — and all perfectly synchronized.

"Gumboots," though, is a dance practiced by South African miners. Its precise movements and hand clapping share an affinity with stepping.

Though Gumboots developed independently, the dances share common roots. Saturday's show will commemorate the company's 10th anniversary just before they explore those roots at the annual Step Afrika! festival in Johannesburg.

There, American, European and South African groups will bring their infectious funk to young people from both the local townships and around the world.

BOB MASSEY

Lincoln Theatre, 1215 U St. NW; Sat., Nov. 22, 7:30 p.m., \$25-\$60; 202-432-7328. (U St.-Cardozo)



CHEAP DATE: Be Martha Stewart — heck, kick Martha's indicted behind — after learning how to use natural materials to make colonial-style holiday decorations that will be the envy of your front-door-covered-with-foil friends. Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St., Alexandria; Fri.-Sat., Nov. 21-22, 10 a.m.-noon, \$15, reservations required; 703-549-2997.

TopStops

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Dead Ringers: Dark Star Orchestra

"Man, this band is really far out; they remind me of the Dead." "It's Dark Star Orchestra, a Grateful Dead cover band." "Wow, groovy. I think I heard this song before." "You heard all the songs before. Maybe in this order. Dark Star recreates entire Dead sets note for note." "Toke for toke, man?" "No, note — never mind."

9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; Fri., Nov. 21, 8 p.m., \$20; 703-218-6500. (U St.-Cardozo)

Take Me to Your Lieder: Handsome Hampson Sings

Sorry if we're a bit irreverent about baritone/heartthrob/singing clothier's mannequin Thomas Hampson; dude cracks us up. But his rich, expressive voice is well respected among the cognoscenti, so who are we to snicker at those TV commercials in which he sings the opening line of each song *exactly the same*? Leonard Slatkin conducts.

Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; Thu., Nov. 20, 7 p.m., Fri.-Sat., Nov. 21-22, 8 p.m., \$20-\$75; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom)



"Mock me, Express, but you think I'm hot." "Yes, damn you, Hampson!"

Don't Move: 'Alexander' Comes Alive

Judith Viorst has spun herself a gold mine by acknowledging that children's lives aren't all puppies and sunshine. Unlucky Alexander, who stars in her books, has his own musical with "Alexander, Who's Not Not Not Not Not Not Going to Move." Hold your ground, Alex; we're on your side! Through Dec. 29.

Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; opens Fri., Nov. 21; \$14; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom)

Sadly Ever After: 'Camelot' in SW

"Camelot," that most romantic and heartbreaking of musicals, has suffered from a slightly campy reputation in recent years, but the tragic story — king, queen, knight; capture, check, mate — and the robust, hummable Lerner & Loewe songs are still rock-solid and more psychologically layered than the flashing-teeth musicals of recent years. Through Jan. 4.

Arena Stage, 1101 Sixth St. SW; \$42-\$60; 202-488-3300. (Waterfront-SEU)



Steven Skyvell as the beleagured, basically good-natured King Arthur.

Twinkle, Twinkle: Dazzling Winter Walk

More than a half-million "tiny twinklers" light up Montgomery County's beautiful Brookside Gardens during the Garden of Lights Winter Walk season. Enchanting displays, including a walk-through kaleidoscope caterpillar and an animated flying cardinal, make the flora sparkle. Through Jan. 11.

Brookside Gardens, 1800 Glenallan Ave., Wheaton; opens Fri., Nov. 21; 301-949-8230.

Dangerous Liaisons: Art & Homosexuality

Art-history professor Richard Meyer tackles art, cultural and social history in "Outlaw Representation: Censorship and Homosexuality in Twentieth-Century American Art." The book describes how gay artists have responded to and helped shape the arts in America. He'll give a slide-show lecture.

Renwick Gallery, 17th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Thu., Nov. 20, 3 p.m.; 202-275-2312. (Farragut North)



ROAD TRIP: Overeducated snotbox Dennis Miller brings his snark to Myerhoff Hall, 1212 Cathdral St., Baltimore; Sun., Nov. 23, 7:30 p.m., \$34.50-\$59.50; 410-783-8000.

Red, White and Blues

Garage darlings White Stripes paint the town

MUSIC | The White Stripes bring their exhilarating synthesis of the rock 'n' roll canon to George Washington University's Smith Center this Saturday.

For those of you just joining us, ahem: Composed only of divorcees Jack and Meg White, the Detroit-based duo rode the Strokes' coattails to prominence during the over-hyped garage-rock revival of 2001-02.

Meg (percussion) and Jack (everything else) are more than a garage band: They blend an obsession with the blues with punk, '60s pop, and stadium-sized hard rock, creating a sound that's both classic and fresh. It all may have been done before, but rarely is it done this well.

Consequently, the Whites are a rare act that both excites critics and enjoys commercial success. Their fourth album, this year's "Elephant," reached the upper echelons of the Billboard charts and received extensive support from MTV.

Celeb-watchers may hope to see Jack's girlfriend, Renee Zellweger, at the show. They may want to pass on another crush of his, openers

Whirlwind Heat, who at this rate will never make "Teen People" — the irritatingly noisy new-wavers are far too avant for their own good.



No accurate profile of the White Stripes can avoid mentioning their artistic moorings. The Whites showed their hand by naming their second album after a Dutch art movement that sought a return to simple colors and shapes. Visually, Jack and Meg surround themselves with a strict regimen of white, red, and black. Musically, they rely on fuzzed out "back-to-basics" guitar riffs and almost absurdly simple drumming. **TIM FOLLOS**

George Washington University, Charles E. Smith Center, 600 22nd St. NW; Sat., Nov. 22, 7:30 p.m., \$30, all tickets from the July 26 show will be honored; 202-994-6050. (Foggy Bottom)

WHAT'S RED AND WHITE AND ROCKS ALL OVER? White Stripes, whose torn-up garage-blues has an artsy sensibility.

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of the International Spy Museum at
its grand opening. Bandaloop jumps
around and turns in circles.

Whenever people see Bandaloop
publicly dangling, they get this look
that's part horror, part fascination
and part envy. Apparently everyone
dreams of doing what Bandaloop
does. Anyone can watch it on the
Internet, but it's just not the same.

Of course, no one would expect
to see Project Bandaloop inside
the Kennedy Center, but Friday
and Saturday the Eisenhower
Theater will be full of trampo-
line surfaces, rigging and ropes —
with people dangling from them.

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reography, sideways. In 2001 seven
dancers, two riggers, a composer,
an artistic director and a videog-
rapher crossed California's Sierra
Nevada range.

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off the sides of outcroppings, har-
nessed up and soared through
the air. Using video, music and
the entire height of the theater,
Project Bandaloop intends to re-
create elements of that journey and
the rush, the terror, the sheer joy of
the dangle.

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we can experience the thrill in plush,
seated comfort. **BOB MASSEY**

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Melodic Mouths

OUT & ABOUT | Justin Timberlake's crooning might sell platinum-plus and his boogieing skills inspire fanatical reactions, but the pop luminary's oft-overlooked passion is beatboxing. For the uninitiated, that means vocal percussion — creating a tune with one's mouth. A pair of sought-after spitters are playing this weekend.

Rahzel, featured on this weekend's Scratch Tour, makes head-nodding instrumental sounds using only by his voice. He's a former member of Grammy-winning hip-hop band the Roots, and his beatbox talents soar miles beyond simple boom-baps.

The veteran vocal impressionist is hip-hop's Rich Little — able to replicate voices, DJ scratching and even complete tunes. In a live setting, some of his choicest recreations,



Rahzel and his amazing instrument.

like Ms. Fat Booty, will undoubtedly have some people searching for hidden electronic equipment.

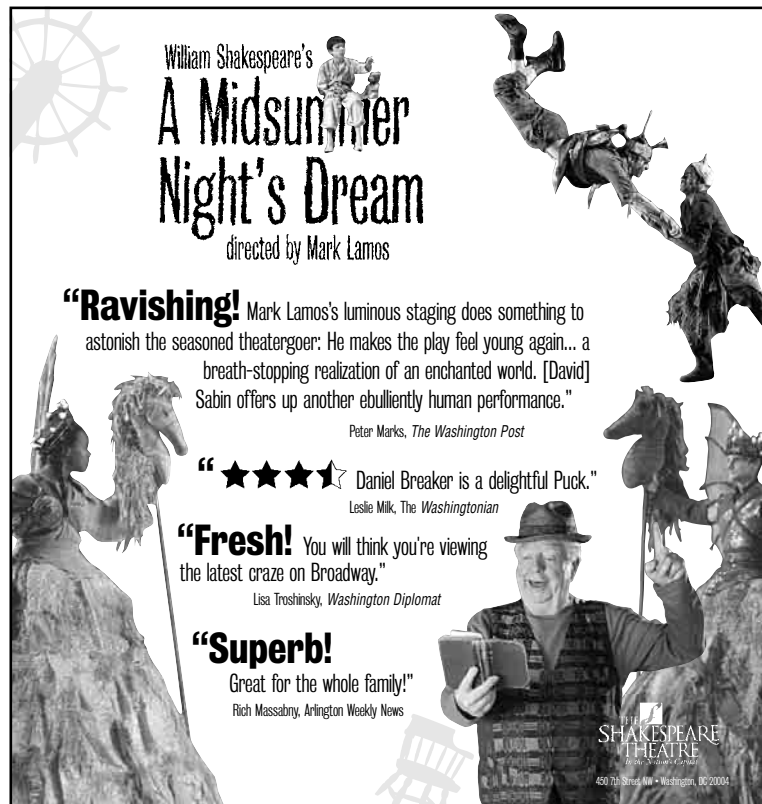
Several of his fantastically detailed jams appear on his forthcoming album Rahzel's "Greatest Knockouts." On an implausible

cover of Aaliyah's "One in a Million," he masterfully duplicates staccato drums and even female vocals, showing off some of the most uniquely funky sounds ever to emerge from a single mouth.

Yuri Lane is also renowned for his percussive puckers. His current and most ambitious undertaking is "From Tel Aviv to Ramallah," a novel beatbox musical that finds Lane voicing both a Palestinian and an Israeli whose lives unexpectedly intersect. Throughout the turmoil, Lane offers a vision of peace and self-made sounds sure to inspire. CRAIG SMITH

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DANCE | One of the joys of living in Washington is watching ethnic traditions mix, mutate and become some new hybrid. That means more than just hearing Panjabi MC on your Nissan's stereo. This weekend the Indian Embassy co-sponsors the IDEA (Indian Dance Educators' Association) Dance Festival of India. Six styles of classical Indian dance make a rich tradition, but modern dancers tackle modern influences along with their own history.

Just as Western ballet frequently portrays the struggles between Greco-Roman gods and their mortal subjects, so will the Siddhendra Yogi showcase depict Indra, the king of gods, as he sends four celestial beauties to distract a troublesome sage. Indra feels — with good reason — that no man can ignore four determined women dancing in Kuchipudi style.

Solo artist Raina mixes his native Kathakali style of dance-theater with his Shakespearean training to produce "Magic Hour." In his one-man show, Raina uses

Lakshmi Babu in "Simhanandini"; with her powder-dipped feet, she draws a lion on white paper.



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traditional dance to show the Bard's heroes in a modern light.

Rina Singha literally dances about architecture in "And Then Their Eyes Met." The story, which imagines the relationship of Jesus and Mary Magdalene, uses the outer courtyard/inner sanctum structure of both Byzantine churches and

Hindu temples to depict the spiritual progression of Mary.

Other dancers will trace Asian elements in modern dance, martial arts and yoga. **BOB MASSEY**

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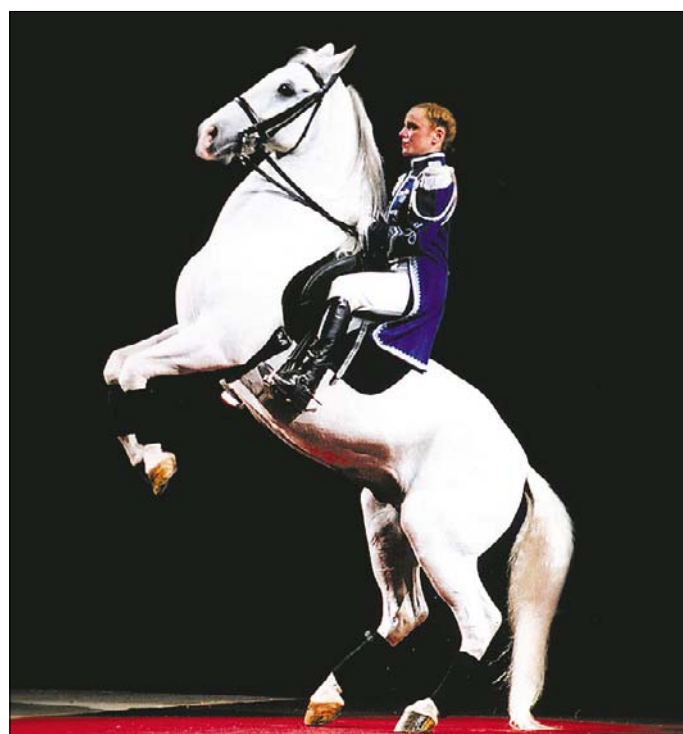
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Sweet Potato Cheesecake

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FOR THE CRUST:

14-ounce bag of gingersnap cookies, finely ground

6 tablespoons butter, melted

FOR THE CAKE:

14-ounce can of canned yams in light syrup, mashed with fork until it makes 3/4 cup

24 ounces cream cheese, at room temperature

8 tablespoons butter, at room temperature

1 cup sugar

3 tablespoons apple cider

3/4 teaspoon ginger

3/4 teaspoon cinnamon

3/4 teaspoon nutmeg

2 tablespoons cream

4 large eggs, at room temperature

FOR THE TOPPING:

1 1/2 cups sour cream

2 tablespoons sugar

1 1/2 tablespoons apple cider

• **TO MAKE THE CRUST:** Preheat oven to 350 F. Butter a 10 1/2-inch spring-form pan. You can optionally line the bottom and sides of the pan with buttered parchment paper. This makes it easier to remove the cake from the pan, but it is not essential (see note).

• In a mixing bowl, combine the gingersnap crumbs and melted butter. Stir to mix well. Place the crumbs into the bottom and 1 inch up the sides of the prepared pan, tamping down to form an even crust.

• Bake at 350 F about 8 minutes until the edges of the crust just start to pick up some color. Cool completely and reserve.

• **TO MAKE THE CAKE:** Preheat oven

to 350 F. In a mixer with a paddle, combine the cream cheese, butter and sugar and mix until very smooth and well-combined. Pause to scrape down the bowl once or twice.

• Add the reserved sweet potato puree and mix to blend. Add the apple cider, ginger, cinnamon, nutmeg and cream and mix well. Add the eggs, two at a time, scraping down the bowl between additions and mix just until incorporated and the batter is smooth.

• Pour batter into the reserved prepared crust. Bake at 350 F for 20 minutes. Turn oven to 325 F and bake an additional 20 minutes. Turn oven to 300 F and bake an additional 20 minutes. Turn oven to 225 F and bake until the cake is just set around the edges, yet slightly jiggly in the center.

• While the cake is baking, prepare the topping by whisking together the sour cream, sugar and apple cider. When the cake is done baking, remove it from the oven to cool for 5 minutes and turn the oven to 350 F. Spread the sour cream topping over the baked cheesecake, using a small offset spatula to ensure an even layer. Bake at 350 F for 5 minutes until the topping is just set. Remove from the oven. Gently run a paring knife around the top outer edge of the pan and allow the cake to cool completely.

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Mash Them Taters Right

DO:

→ Branch out and live a little. There's a whole world beyond Idaho (not that there's anything wrong with Idaho). So take a look at Yukon golds, blue Peruvians, red skins and fingerlings, to name a few.

→ Rinse potatoes well and cut away any brown spots or anything that raises an eyebrow.

→ Salt your cooking water — it makes an enormous difference in taste.

→ Slice potatoes in manageable pieces (halves, quarters) so they don't take forever to cook.

→ Cook until fork tender, about 20 minutes. There's nothing worse than an undercooked boiled potato.

→ Reserve some of the cooking water. You might need it while mashing, and it's a low-fat way to moisten those spuds.

→ If you like lumpy potatoes, get to know your hand masher; for smoother-style spuds, a food mill or potato ricer is in order (these are hand-powered tools that work like sieves).

→ Mash potatoes a bit before adding liquid and while potatoes are still warm. Liquids should be warm but not boiling.

→ Try adding olive oil, potato water, roasted garlic, chopped fresh herbs or horseradish.

→ Go wild and try buttermilk this year



KARLA MCDUFFEE/WPVI

Thanksgiving potatoes await the knife.

instead of milk or cream and butter.

→ Mix things up and add some parsnips, turnips or celery root to the pot; they mash beautifully, add depth of flavor and make you an interesting person.
→ Taste before they go on the table.

DON'T:

→ Use a food processor. Those poor things will turn into wallpaper paste.

→ Use an electric mixer. Mashed spuds tend to get very gummy.

→ Try to save time by boiling spuds, then mashing while cold. You may as well throw those potatoes in the trash.

→ Worry about removing every lump. Lumpy potatoes, by the way, show lots of character.

→ Forget the salt!

→ Fret — it's only mashed potatoes, and more often than not, they turn out delicious. KIM O'DONNEL (WASHINGTONPOST.COM)



WHAT'S COOKING?

Live Online

Washington Post online producer and culinary expert **KIM O'DONNEL** recently shared tips on hosting a vegetarian Thanksgiving, at washingtonpost.com/liveonline.

My son-in-law is an ovo-lacto vegetarian. I would like to prepare a dish for him for Thanksgiving that we all could enjoy.

I really like the sound of this eggplant lasagna in the current issue of Gourmet. It's made with ricotta, pine nuts and parsley and doesn't seem too terribly difficult.

My dinner menu includes garlic mashed potatoes, cornbread stuffing, creamed corn, cranberry relish and pearled onions. In fact, my

menu includes these same exact items every year. What should I add or subtract to spice it up a bit?

I'm not seeing any greens in this lineup. Add roasted kale with garlic or braised leeks, or even a simple salad to help digest everything.

What you do suggest as a heavy-duty, protein-y course besides Tofurkey or the like?

How about a mushroom or butternut squash risotto?

How do I make vegetarian stuffing?

Saute mushrooms with shallots and herbs; cook until dry. Use white wine, too. In another pan, slowly cook a bunch of onions and some garlic. While the veggies are cooking, soak stale bread cubes in a little bit of milk. Squeeze out liquid. When veggies are cool, add cubes to shrooms and onions. Season with herbs, salt, pepper. Heat in oven.



Bed and breakfast, sans bed: Tom Sietsema reviews Four & Twenty Blackbirds, a restaurant that started life as a B&B. In The Washington Post Sunday magazine.

Playback

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

IT HAS BEEN REPORTED that Metro will grant access to rest rooms in emergencies. I am a diabetic and had at least two occasions when I needed to use the rest rooms in the Metro. On both occasions, at two separate stations, I was told that the toilets were flooded and was directed to use a nearby food establishment. I'm sure the station managers don't leave the booths and run to the nearby food establishments to relieve themselves.

There seems to be a lack of training and compassion on the part of station managers to allow the use of the rest rooms for emergencies. If Metro is telling the public that the rest rooms are available, Metro needs to make sure they're in working order.

—CRAIG JOHNSON
Washington, D.C.

I'D LOVE FOR LETTER-WRITER Natalie Cruz (Nov. 13) to present statistics on marriages that porn has ended, as if it were the sole factor. Also, I think she'd be surprised by porn's ever-increasing female audience, to say nothing of the number of women in the porn industry who call the shots behind the scenes as well as in front of the cameras.

—KAYODE KENDALL
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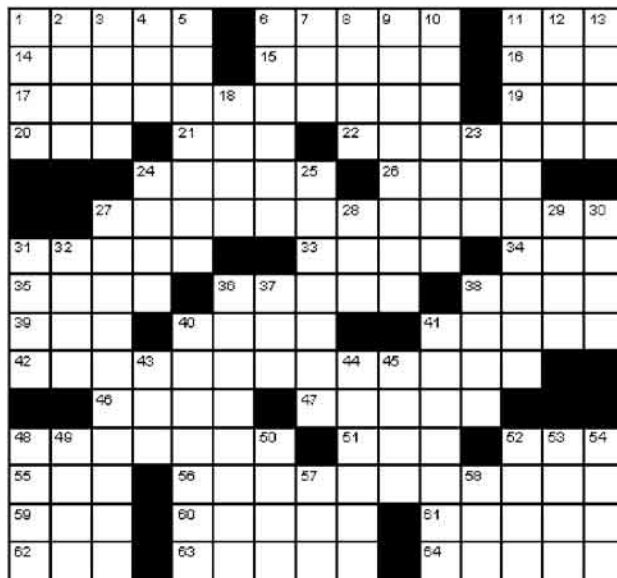
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Crossword Puzzle: M-Powerment Zone | Edited by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

- 1 Annie of "Designing Women"
- 6 Formal wear
- 11 One who's coming out
- 14 "___ Crazy Moon" (Tommy Dorsey hit)
- 15 MacDowell of "Green Card"
- 16 It's past displeasure
- 17 Yankee starter
- 19 Nothing
- 20 "Annabel Lee" writer
- 21 Some British sports cars
- 22 No longer in use
- 24 Town of many trials and hunts
- 26 Aching
- 27 Famed "Happy Birthday" singer
- 31 Chum
- 33 ___ off (irate)
- 34 "I pity the fool!" utterer
- 35 Subjects of many tests
- 36 Business leader
- 38 Kind of barrel
- 39 Way back when
- 40 Unembellished
- 41 Shampoo finisher
- 42 Author of "The Story of Bip"
- 46 Head lock?



- 47 Tailors go to great lengths to make them
- 48 Make breakfast, in a way
- 51 ___ alai
- 52 Source of gov't loans
- 55 ___ cit. (footnote abbr.)
- 56 1983 Miss Georgia runner-up
- 59 It likes the night life

- 60 Lancaster-area group
- 61 Top model Campbell
- 62 Itty-bitty
- 63 Egg holders
- 64 Hard-driving personality
- DOWN**
- 1 Grandeur
- 2 17th of 50
- 3 Bambino

- 4 It can be big or little
- 5 Compendious
- 6 Mortarboard dangle
- 7 Part of Q&A
- 8 "What ___ For Love"
- 9 Wimbledon official
- 10 Shrimp, calamari and the like
- 11 Handout at a ritzy restaurant

- 12 Bogosian in "Talk Radio"
- 13 Boxing boundary
- 18 Wrinkly fruit
- 23 Coffee server
- 24 Word with souci or serif
- 25 "It's on me!"
- 27 Adult's two-wheeler
- 28 Classical or natal prefix
- 29 Lode contents
- 30 Raison d'___
- 31 Study in a hurry
- 32 Sitar selection
- 36 Opening Day event
- 37 Quarterback's pride
- 38 It inhibits impartial judgement
- 40 Oscar winner Ingrid
- 41 Dependent (on)
- 43 Conductor's signal
- 44 Indian princes
- 45 Chowder flavor
- 48 Move like a river
- 49 Poet laureate
- Nicholas
- 50 Hindu honorifics
- 52 Farm fare
- 53 "Let it ___" (Everly Brothers classic)
- 54 One market for U.S. exports
- 57 WWII troop carrier
- 58 Be worthwhile

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



Horoscope | Stella Wilder

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — All big things have small beginnings, some so small they may escape your notice. Pay more attention.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Keeping up the pace will make all the difference. Take care that you don't start out so fast, however, that you soon wind down.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — What you really want isn't far away — but you may be looking in the wrong direction. Take time to scout the area thoroughly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You may be invited to take a walk on the wild side before the day is out. Are you really prepared to make the necessary sacrifices?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You may encounter a problem that can become explosive if you're not quick to address it. Put out any fires as swiftly as possible.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — A mysterious message may come your way that demands your immediate attention. Don't hesitate to accept an evening invitation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Fulfillment for you may seem elusive at this time — but perhaps you're simply trying too hard. Maybe you should take a back seat temporarily.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — It's time to get that engine revving and to set your sights on a higher goal. The sooner you get

started, the sooner you'll get there.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Peace of mind can be yours, but work a little to share it with others.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You can come to an important solution to a stubborn problem through a careful process of elimination. Don't take chances.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You may be making the wrong things too important — for yourself and others. It may be time to let someone else do the deciding.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You may have to work hard to prove your point to someone close to you. It's not that he or she doesn't believe you, however.

FREDDY ADU

Live Online

From washingtonpost.com/liveonline

Freddy Adu, 14, signed a six-year deal with Major League Soccer and will join D.C. United. Post staff writer **JASON LA CANFORA** was online Wednesday to discuss Adu's potential impact.

Do you think the physical demands of the league will hold Freddy Adu back? Or is United on the nose by saying that Adu is not going to be an instant star, instead slowly progressing him to the MLS game?

It's difficult to predict how anyone will play immediately on a jump like this. But having watched Freddy play scrimmage along with D.C. United, he seems well equipped to playing at this level. Various coaches believe that Freddy will make an impact on this league sooner than later.

How do you think this signing will affect attendance as well as TV exposure throughout MLS?

I think it will be a boost for the league in every aspect. Freddy already has a strong worldwide profile and I'm sure MLS will give him more exposure in the European markets and domestically. I have no doubt that Freddy will draw a big crowd in the world and at home.

Are there any child-labor laws applicable to Adu's situation? Is there a limit to the number of hours he can practice per week, for instance?

All such questions were examined by MLS and Adu's representatives and are not an issue in this case. Most teams practice for an hour to 90 minutes, four or five days a week and most games last for about two hours, so labor laws are not a concern.

How soon and where can I get a Adu jersey?

I'm not sure where, but my best guess is you'll be able to get one by the Christmas season.

Today on Live Online:

NOON: What's Cooking host Kim O'Donnel shares tips for your Thanksgiving meal.

1 P.M.: Karen Wayland, acting legislative director at the Natural Resources Defense Council, discusses the new energy bill.

1 P.M.: Washingtonpost.com's Carole Burns hosts author Richard Bausch.

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